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Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee,

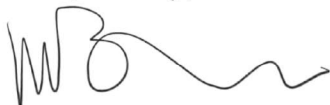
The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260 (IBEW) respectfully offers the following testimony in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 226 (HCR226), which requests the Auditor evaluate the impact the NextEra Energy merger may have on Hawaii's workers in the utility and energy industries.

The IBEW represents over 3500 Electrical Workers across various jurisdictions, including the "Utility" jurisdiction as set forth in our International Constitution throughout the State of Hawaii and Guam, and has had a presence in Hawaii for over 100 years, representing workers at the Hawaiian Electric Companies for 75 years.

As the legal bargaining agent for the majority of Hawaii's electrical utility workers, representing approximately 1300 members at the Hawaiian Electric Companies alone, and approximately 400 members within the industry at various other companies; it is the IBEW's belief that as Hawaii's electrical industry transitions into a more environmentally responsible utility industry, so too must Hawaii's utility workers transition into new jobs.

While the IBEW contends this transition in and of itself warrants evaluation of the impact caused to Hawaii's utility workers, the evaluation becomes significantly more important when factoring in the NextEra Energy merger. Additionally the IBEW strongly supports the idea that focus be placed on transitioning Hawaii's utility workers to new jobs created in areas of "renewable electrical energy," while incentivizing companies to create and continue sustainable employment, and deterring companies involved in the energy industry from acting in a way detrimental to Hawaii's workers, for the purpose of lessening the negative impact to such workers.

Respectfully,



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